Ministries. These outlays are also not decided on per capita basis. The details of Central sector Outlays for Agriculture and Rural Development sectors during the last three years are at Annexure [*See* Appendix 184, Annexure No. 102]

Position of Natural Resources

4116. SHRI W. ANGOU SINGH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the position of natural resources of each State of the country;

(b) the measures taken by Government for increasing the natural resources of each State; and

(c) the development position of each State at time of India's Independence and after the 50th year of India's Indpendence?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI RAM NAIK): (a) The Statewise reserve position of major natural resources, viz: important minerals including petroleum and hydel power potential is enclosed at Annexure. [*See* Appendix 184, Annexure No. 103.]

(b) Various Government/Quasi-Government organisations like the Geological Survey of India, Mineral Exploration Corporation Ltd. and various mining and oil companies are continuously engaged in survey/ exploration work to upgrade the reserve position of the above natural resources in the country.

(c) The Statewise development (production) position of major natural resources, viz: important minerals including petroleum and hydel power potential at the time of independence and in the 50th year of independence is enclosed at Annexure. [*See* Appendix 184, Annexure No. 103]

Development of Infrastructural Facilities for Assam

4117. DR. ARUN KUMAR SARMA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had approved a Centrally-sponsored scheme for developing infrastructural facilities of capital nature for the State of Assam;

(b) if so, the share of Government therein and the allocations made therefor; and

(c) the funds allocated and actually released during the last three years; year-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI RAM NAIK): (a) to (c) No single Centrally Sponsored Scheme has been approved through Planning Commission for developing infrastructure facilities of capital nature in Assam. However, the details of the Centrally Sponsored Schemes in this regard, which are being implemented in the major sectors in the State of Asssam, are given below:—

1. *Two major power schemes with 100% Central share:--*

(a) 132 KV. S/C Umiam - Umtru Stat. IV- Guwahati D/C Line (between Meghalaya and Assam) and (b) 132 KV. S/C Mariani-Mokokchung Line (between Assam and Nagaland).

For the former, against a loan of Rs. 770 lakh released to the Meghalaya State Electricity Board so far, Rs. 590 lakhs have been utilised. Utilisation certificate for the balance amount of Rs. 180 lakhs (Rs. 130 lakhs released during 1995-96 and Rs. 50 lakhs released in 1996-97 as an advance) is yet to be received. For portion in Assam Territory, a loan of Rs. 25 lakhs has been released to Assam so far. For the latter a loan of Rs. 75.97 lakhs hass been released to Assam so far and utilisation certificate for Rs. 55.97 lakhs has been received.

2. *On-going Centrally Sponsored Scheme for flood control in Brahmaputra Valley, which is as under:—*

Allocation figures are not available. However, funds released during the last three years as Central Assistance for Assam flood control work of Brahmaputra Valley are as given below:—

Year	Central Assistance (Rs. in crore)
1995-96	25.00 (Grant)
1996-97	10.09 (Grant)
1997-98	18.00

3. Integrated Development of Small and Medium Towns.

The Central share (grant) is 25% of the total project cost sanctioned, with equal share of grant from State side and the balance 50% from institutional sources. Allocation figuress are not available. However, Central release for the last three years is as under:—

Year	Actual Central Release (Rs. in lakhs)
1995-96	40.00
1996-97	60.00
1997-98	52.00

4. Schemes for water supply in Assam.

The funding pattern is 50:50 between the Centre and the State. Allocations and releases made during the last three year are as under:—

(Rs. lakhs)

			1995-96	1996-97	1997-98
1.	Accelerated Rural Water Supply Prog.	Allocation	1845	2026	2438
		Release	2245	2354	2372
2.	Accelerated Urban Water Supply Prog. in town with population of less than 20,000	Allocation	140	128.05	N.A.
		Releasse	140	168.05	140

Improving Infrastructural Facilities

4118. SHRI LAJPAT RAI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleassed to state:

(a) whether Government have determined any priorities to improve the infrastructure in the country;

(b) if so, what has been placed at the top of all; and

(c) whether there is any plan under consideration to privatise any of the infrastructure?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI RAM NAIK): (a) and (b) The Government recognises the crucial role played by infrastructure in economic develpment (e.g., power, energy, road, railways, ports & telecommunications.) A detailed action plan for Rapid improvement in ıysical Infrastruture is currently under ɔparation which upon finalisation will be ...egrated with the existing Draft IX Five Year Plan for consideration and approval of the National Development Council through due process.

(c) Private Sector participation is already permitted in various areas of the sub-sectors of infrastructure such as power, telecommunications, roads, railways and ports.

Annual Plan for Orissa

4119. SHRI SANATAN BISI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Annual Plan for 1998-99 for Orissa has been finalised; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI RAM NAIK): (a)